(d) whether it is a fact that it is running behind scheduled; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The full MRTS proposed for Delhi consists of about 198 kms. However, the implementation of the Phase-I of MRTS Project consisting of about 52 kms. has been approved which is scheduled to be completed by the year 2005.

(b) The total estimated cost at April, 96 price is Rs. 4860 crore.

(c) Phase-I of the MRTS includes the following:—

— Shahdara-Trinagar-Nangloi-Rail corridor	25.0 kms
— Trinagar-Barwala-Rail corridor	16.0 kms
— Vishwa Vidyalaya-Central Secretariat-Metro corridor (via ISBT-Old/New Delhi Railway station)	11.0 kms
TOTAL :	52.00 kms

(d) and (e) The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) Ltd., the implementing agency for the project has informed that due to delay in finalisation of some of the tenders required to be awarded on the basis of international bidding, there is a delay of about 9 months at present.

Steps to remove Jhuggi Ousters around Alaknanda and Mandalrini Enclave

1130. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to remove the Jhuggi Clusters around the Alaknanda and Mandakini Enclave Complexes;

(b) whether it is a fact that many successive Governments of Delhi and local MLAs and MPs have been promising to clear the jhuggies but no steps have been taken so far;

(c) whether it is also a fact that power thefts by the jhuggies are increasing in this area; and

(d) if so, by when these jhuggies will be cleared from this locality?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU

DATTATRAYA): (a), (b) and (d) The jhuggi cluster on Government land opposite Mandakini Enclave at Alaknand has been placed in the priority list for removal/ rehabilitation under the Slum Relocation Scheme. The DDA has reported that joint survey of this cluster with Slum & JJ Department (MCD) has been conducted. However, as per the Government policy, the relocation of jhuggi dwellers is possible only when alternative plots are available and, therefore, no time frame can be indicated at this stage.

(c) Delhi Vidyut Board has reported that Jhuggi clusters have been found indulging in stealing electricity by direct tappings from DVB mains. In order to curb the menace, the Board has introduced a scheme for provding electric connections to Jhuggi basties on 'single delivery point' basis by engaging Agency/Resident Welfare Association for each basti to take the electric supply in bulk for further distribution to the residents of the concerned Jhuggi basti; to collect revenue from them and deposit the same with the Delhi Vidyut Board. The Delhi Vidyut Board has given seven electric connections to the agencies around Alaknanda and Mandakini Complexes for distribution of electricity to the jhuggi dwellers.

Bad condition of Road due to persistent digging in Vikaspuri

1131. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the road beside Birjanand Andh Kanya Vidyalaya from outer ring road to J-Block, DDA market, Vikashpuri has become worse than a rural road due to persistent digging for cable laying;

(b) how many times the road has been dug during the last one year, together with the details of agencies involved in digging; and

(c) by when the repair work of the road would be undertaken so that the public is not forced to inhale the dust arising out of it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) MCD has reported that the road from Outer Ring Road to J-Block, DDA market, Vikaspuri had been dug up for laying underground cable by a private agency, viz. Zee Tele Film Limited during the last one year for which it has deposited the restoration charges. To avoid inconvenience, the cut has been dressed up. For proper restoration of the road, estimates have been prepared and got sanctioned. Tenders have also been invited for taking further action on priority.